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PATH OF NEW EMPLOYEES MADE SMOOTH



Mrs. Marion Caron interviews Ronald Dickinson as the First Step in applying for a job at Sprague's.

Four Direct Steps From Interview to Job

Applicants for jobs at Sprague Electric Company will find their way simplified into four easy stages. Often a person who has never before worked in a manufacturing plant imagines that getting a job is very complicated. But the contrary is the fact at Sprague Electric where every effort has been made to make it just as easy as possible.

1st STEP -- Interview at Employment Office

The first step is an interview at the Employment Office in which the few necessary facts about your past experience are recorded and the general requirements of the job available are described. If you meet the simple requirements of one of the jobs available the interviewer, Mrs. Caron, gives you a pass card which you then present at the office of the Safety Engineer.

2nd STEP -- General Safety Instructions

Mr. Arthur Mathews, Safety Engineer, or an assistant, now explain to you the importance of "safety first". This not only covers safety in parking cars, crossing streets at proper places, but general conduct in hallways and stairways and in the aisles in your department. It emphasizes the importance of not leaving things in aisles or other places where people might stumble on them, and also advises the use of simple clothing which not only will make your work easier but also prevent possible accidents. If it should happen the job you are taking requires the use of special equipment such as safety goggles, eye shields, gloves, etc., these are provided and explained. You are also given pamphlets on the subject of safety which you may read later.

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On the Road to Knowledge

*I sent him off to school today—
My manly little fellow.
What matter if my aching arms
No longer hold a baby.
He was so smart and sweet today
As he started out so bravely.
He kissed me as he said goodbye,
His store of knowledge meagre.
But his feet have touched the long hard
road —
They're young and swift and eager!*

STROMBERG-CARLSON RADIO AWARDED TO MARGARET DAVIS - - -

In the fast-stepping Attendance Contest, the fifth week winner was Margaret Davis of Boxing Department. Once again the lucky numbers seemed to play a part. In the fifth week it was the fifth number drawn which won the radio. Congratulations, Margaret.

Margaret has worked for Sprague Electric Company during the war years; in fact she has five and a half years of employment to her credit, and during that time has worked in but one department — Boxing. A pleasant, sunny person, she is well liked by all her co-workers. Margaret is the mother of four daughters, one of whom, Marriion Campbell, is employed at the Brown Street Plant.

Awards to Date

For the information of those who are following the contest closely, the drawings in the fourth week resulted in no award. To date the winners in the contest have been: First week—Gina Sauve and Eleanor Burr, Second week—Pearl Damon, Third week—Walter Burdick, Fourth week—No winner, Fifth week—Margaret Davis. The contest as you remember, will continue until November 2nd.

Berkshire Community Orchestra Sponsored by Sprague Electric

The Berkshire Community Orchestra held its third rehearsal of the season on Wednesday, September 25 with only the string section of 39 players present. The fourth rehearsal will be October 2 with all sections taking part and an expected attendance of fifty-six.

The Sprague Electric Company is sponsor of this growing organization which not only includes leading musicians from North Adams, Williamstown and surrounding communities, but also from Adams, Cheshire, Pittsfield and several from Hoosick Falls. December 4 is the date of the first concert.

New Inventions

An electric eye device that enables medical science to detect heart disease in its early stages. Supplementing the cardiograph, it makes possible an accurate picture of heart motions.

A new-type infra-red spectograph—an automatic high-speed molecular investigator—that is helping science to improve plastics and other insulating materials.

Almost Everybody Works at Sprague's



Sixty per cent of this family are Sprague workers -- and the four little ones are still too young to work! Yes, father, three daughters and mother work here. They are (top) Harry Embry, Sr. in Centrifuge, Leona in Lunchroom, Mildred in B.T.A., Ruth in Plating, and Sophia in Block Annex. Son, Harry, Jr. (insert) now in Germany, was formerly employed in Block Annex. The school-agers are Virginia and Nelson (left), Nancy and Carol (right). Mother, Sophia is a veteran employee, having been employed with Sprague's for 12 years, while Harry, Sr. has worked for the Company since 1942.

—photo by C. Thompson



With trembling heart but a courageous spirit, young Dennis Pedrin starts off for his first day at school. Dennis is the 5½ year old son of Julie, of Block Annex and Rita, of P.A.A. Rolling.



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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Path of Employees Made Smooth

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3rd STEP -- Your Health Record

Now you leave the Employment Department and go to the Dispensary where Miss Edna Owen, R.N., one of her several able assistants, fill out your health record for the dispensary files, and checks your eye sight and any other points that affect the job you are taking. When your record has been properly completed you take your pass card and are escorted to the department to which you have been assigned.

4th STEP -- Meeting Your Foreman

Having taken the first three steps you now arrive at the desk of your foreman to whom you are introduced, and he or one of his supervisors explains your work. If the job consists of several different operations the supervisor takes plenty of time to explain them, actually performing the operations several times, and then coaching you until you have acquired some skill and confidence. Depending on the job, this coaching period may take only a short time or several hours or even days. The point is, new Sprague Employees receive every encouragement and every possible aid which will help to make them efficient as well as happy in their work.

Wedding Bells . . .

Tefft - Elmer: Miss Barbara Elmer became the bride of Lyman Tefft on Friday, September 6th. The bride was formerly employed in the Block Annex.

Baker-Urbano: Miss Norma Mary Urbano and William Wolcott Baker were joined in marriage on Saturday, September 14th. The bride is employed in the Bath Tub Assembly Department.

Wright-Bowman: Mrs. Alice Porter Bowman and George William Wright were married on September 15th. Alice is employed in the Bath Tub Assembly Department.

Wright-Hubbard: Miss Ruth E. Hubbard and Norman A. Wright exchanged their "I do's" on Tuesday, September 17th. The bridegroom is employed in the Production Engineering Department.

Cook-Boyer: Miss Priscilla Muriel Boyer and Russell Cook were joined in the holy bonds of marriage on Saturday, August 31st. The bridegroom is employed in the Sample Department at the Marshall Street Plant.

Burr - Martell: Mrs. Eleanor Martell of the Dry Rolling Department and Walter Burr, Jr. were joined in marriage on Saturday, August 31st.

Bourdon-Bushey: Miss Janet Bushey became the bride of Arthur C. Bourdon on Saturday, September 21st. The bride is employed in the P.A.A. Department at the Brown Street Plant.



Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cook who were married August 31st.

Welcoming:

Mr. J. G. P. Milne
Time Study Department

Mr. J. G. P. Milne comes to Sprague Electric Company as head of the Time Study and Methods Department. He was recently connected with the Plastic Division of General Electric Company, Pittsfield.

Mr. Milne has had an interesting career. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland and graduated from the Robert Gordon Technical College at Aberdeen. After participating in the first World War, he came to the United States in 1923 to learn more about American methods of production—and has been here ever since. He has seen more of the States than many a native-born citizen and has called Detroit, Cleveland, Philadelphia and New York his home at various times. However, he has a special fondness for the Berkshires and says with emphasis: "You can have all the rest of the country combined, if you give me the Berkshire Hills." Mr. Milne expects to bring his wife and his daughter Christine, to North Adams to make their home here.

Mr. Samuel Lubin
Field Engineering Department

Mr. Samuel Lubin comes to the Field Engineering Department as a representative for the Company with U. S. Government Agencies, Laboratories and Activities.

Mr. Lubin has seen many parts of the world, having represented American radio firms in the Near East up to 1939 and the outbreak of the war in Europe. Since then, he has been in the U. S. Department of Agriculture; and during '43 to '45 was with the Radio Research Laboratory at Harvard. He is a graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. and later studied at George Washington University.

Mr. Lubin is married, has four children, three of whom were born while he was in residence in the Near East. Mr. Lubin and family will reside in Washington, D. C.

Marshall Music

Shipping and Carton
Stockroom

By the Gold-Dust Twins

Ernie Beliveau is back from his vacation spent in Connecticut. From what he tells us he certainly had a wonderful time, even though he developed a severe cold and took a week off to recuperate!

Al Benoni recently purchased a camp in Savoy. Extensive alterations are under way. When you get your camp remodeled, Al, don't forget we are waiting for an invitation. (Don't worry, Al, we will bring our own lunch). Welcome back, Clementina Zanetti of Carton Stockroom, and Abel Jones of Shipping Room.

Mario Magnani is very proud of his 11-year-old daughter, Myrna, who started a collection in her neighborhood, for the "Maureen Fund." She proudly turned in \$10.69.

Jim Knox's father-in-law, Felix Gamache, was very surprised the other noon when opening his lunch, to discover he had taken a bag of wallpaper paste instead.

Has anyone seen 5 pounds floating around? If they have, please return to Jamelle Shaker, Cafeteria, for a liberal reward. What you need, Jamelle, is a little stool on wheels so you can get around the Cafeteria, then you won't have to advertise for the 5 pounds you lost.

Miscellaneous Dries

By Eddie O'Neil

Cupid has been pulling his punches in this Department — our news is confined to engagements.

We report the engagement of Charles Felix and Eleanor Rhodes. The wedding will take place November 28th. Eleanor is employed at the Brown Street Plant, while "Chuck" works in Miscellaneous Dries.

The engagement of Louis Daub and Helen Holmer has been announced. The wedding will occur October 28th. Louis is employed at the Misc. Dries, Marshall Street. We wish both couples much luck and happiness.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry St. Pierre cut their wedding cake, amid the good wishes of their friends and relatives. The bride is the former Gladys Foster of P.A.A. Department. They were married September 2nd.

Engagements

Gardzina-Davis: The engagement of Miss Evelyn Ann Gardzina to William Davis has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding. Evelyn is employed in the F. P. Dries Department.

Rhodes-Felix: Miss Eleanor M. Rhodes and Charles Felix have announced their engagement. The wedding will take place in November. Eleanor is employed in the Mica Department.

Births

Daughter — Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vareschi are the parents of a daughter born September 19th. The mother is Christina, of Paper Rolling.

Daughter — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Voghel are the parents of a baby girl born September 16th. The mother is Carmella, formerly of the Resistor Department.

Maintenance

By Umbriago

Daily, this Department, since moving from Beaver Street, becomes larger and larger. By September 16th, the Carpenter and Tin Shops had moved down.

Welcome back to Art Giroux after his absence.

WANTED: To Exchange — Outboard Motor — What Have You?

Maurice Chonard, our Plumber, purchased a small (but good) outboard motor, tried it out in the millwright's shop — and it sure ran well. Then, with his son-in-law Art Caron, he took it to Cheshire Lake. Against the protests of Maurice, Art insisted on taking oars along. Out past the weeds, they went. Maurice started to get the motor running. He pulled on the starting cord — nothing happened. He tried again — No results. After he said his prayers, and a few other words, Maurice took the motor back on shore, hooked it up to a tree and tried to start it. Lo and behold, — it ran! So back in the boat they went and tried it again in the lake. It refused to start. Back to the tree on shore — and the motor would run. So, our advice to you, Maurice, is to use it for a FAN when you go on picnics!

Overheard in the Yard

Ray Shields — Say, Joe, am I seeing things?

Joe Schneider, Jr. — No, I don't think so... why?

Ray Shields — Well, I'm either seeing things, or you have on one black shoe and one brown shoe.

Joe (looking down) — I guess you're right, Ray — but you know, it's funny — I've got another pair at home just like these!

The boys of Building No. 5 welcome back their Pin-Up Girl — Emma Mutart of the Stockroom. Also, we welcome Andrew Gigenti after his vacation. Andy got tired of paying the horses, so he has started out to ride them.

James Macksey of the Carpenter Shop spent two days recently at the Greenfield Fair.

"W. E." Department

By Erminia Sweeney

Football and fight fans, are Irena Anton and Celia Josefak.

Irena Anton, please leave Joe Vitro his thumb. He may need it.

Wherever there are women, you will find that little "General", Pearly King.

Dot Mellilo is having a wonderful time, with her twin nieces.

Jo-Jo-Josefiak, how about telling us about your Saturday night date?

Your reporter reports we have a bunch of young bunnies.

Mrs. Coty and Janet Carswell are back from vacation. Janet Carswell had a little bad luck, she had to stay home and play nurse.

BEAVER NEWS

Dry Test

By Rita Johnson

Esther Vitro was pleasantly surprised with gifts and a cake in honor of her birthday.

Victoria Doran enjoyed a two weeks' vacation at home and in Boston.

We are wondering what the big attraction is to Marjorie Hauptfleisch on Lime Street.

Sympathy is extended to Harriet and Elaine Fortin in the recent death of their father-in-law.

What would Alice Miller do if she didn't do her noon time square dancing?

Why does Marion Collings use the expression, "I'm in heaven now"?... Can it be her new job?

Know any fortune tellers? — if so please notify Helen Lesage, Margie Hauptfleisch, Mary Viens, Millie Clifton, Esther Vitro or Isabelle Hyndman — so they can go gallivanting on Thursday nights.

Taking It Easy



Bradford Palmer relaxes while vacationing at Lake Ashfield. Mr. Palmer, watchman at the Beaver Street Plant, is the father of Mary Mathews, of the LOG Staff.

The Upper Offices

By "Do" and "Flo"

Well folks here it is Log Time again, and your reporters are oozing with news.

While Effie Bishop and Alice Gomeau enjoyed their vacations at home, Flo Southgate sauntered off to North Carolina. We gather by chit-chats here and there that a swell time was had by each.

Where the Elite Meet to Eat!

A happy foursome of girls, namely Alice Gomeau, Effie Bishop, Barb Reppell and Marge Robare enjoyed a Monday night buffet supper recently at Fort Massachusetts. Maybe it is just a rumor or it is true that it was a rather difficult task holding back Barb from going after a second serving.

I say, Doris Roy, the night you dined at the Fort you must have looked "adret". We heard that new black dress is something to look at on you. Hubba, hubba!

Notice: A collection box will be passed in the near future for a fund to purchase a new "nostrola", (nose) for Roger LaPlante. At the rate "Rog" has been blowing there can't be much left.

Congratulations, Everett Barton, on your recent appointment as Scoutmaster of Troop 58 in Blackinton.

Will someone have the patience and good heart to take Marion Pinsonnault aside and teach her the art of bow-tying? I get dizzy trying to figure out what those streamers are dangling from her dresses.

We have come to the conclusion that Helen Root is a most versatile girl. This summer she was hobnobbing with the summer playhouse crowd—come fall and she resumes association with the Bach Choir and is most active in the Stamford Grange. (Isn't it wonderful?)

Bob Begieling's favorite song is "Canada be the bees?" (No, folks, he has not got a cold in his head.)

Engineering Drafting

By Bob Garner

Ray Lamoureux is ambitious—he is constructing—single handed—a a home!

George Labombard now is turning his ambitions toward trapping—which isn't too far away (Season opens November 1st.)

Not a day passes, that Bill Ross doesn't relate something about that new grandson of his.

Harold Rarick bought a new car—I should say, the body of one—when he gets the inner works, maybe it will run.

Your reporter has a lot to learn about babies— he tried to slip his new daughter a nickel to stop her from crying. *It didn't work.*

Saw Bob Windover and his sweetie, Nan, at a football game Sunday. My, my, what a lovely couple!

F. P. Drys

By Lil and Rose

Anyone interested in a screen test, see Jerry LaRoche. He is an expert on beauty.

The sleeping beauty of the F. P. Drys—Jack Faustini, who must have his forty winks daily—*and on the packing table.*

Why the sparkle in Rose Moresi's eyes? Is it her new romance—or the new operator?

We were all pleased to see Harold Taft, who paid us a visit. Harold is making a rapid recovery following an operation.

We hope that Lil Boyer recovers from her cold very soon so we can once again open the windows.

Millie Gilman finally made up her mind and wedding bells rang out for her on September 28th. Good luck, Millie.

Glad to see Carl Pierce back. Hope he enjoys his stay with us.

The F. P. Department must be prospering as Viola Savage has a new chauffeur in the person of Leo Pinsonneault.

Vacationing



Corina Tatro vacationed at Port Henry, N. Y. with her daughters Shirley and Geraldine, and their friend, Loretta Beauchamp.

Boxing

By S. Wilk and C. Urbano

Welcome back, "Mrs." Zabek. "Reggie" has returned from her wedding trip to New York City and Niagara Falls.

"Flossie" McCauley is using a pencil which she has had in her possession for twenty years. (*We're lucky to keep ours for twenty minutes.*)

Wonder What Would Happen If: Frank Bernardo—came in on time. Irene Gage stopped saying—Oh, go chase yourself.

"Dick" Kelly—wore his glasses. Margaret Davis—didn't have gum. Mary Kryston—didn't want to eat.

"Red" Johnson—didn't want to take some one up on the roof to see the chimney.

"Cliff" Roy—stopped rooting for the Dodgers.

"Bill" LaCross—drove a Greyhound. Bob Kelly—brought his own gum.

Lila Abraham—lost her sunny disposition.

Elizabeth Hamilton—wasn't called "Duchess".

"Cobb" DeGrenier—stopped his messenger service.

The Department wishes a speedy recovery to Irene Charron, to Mabel Benoit, to Dorothy Polmatier...we miss all of you.

ADVICE—to "Leo" Kaigle...Don't be so anxious to exchange tickets...the one you have might prove to be the lucky one.

Best of luck to Theresa Richard—we'll miss you a lot, "Terry".

"Don't Touch Me"...What has Tessie Czaja and Emma Montagna got that we haven't? They had the honor of dancing with Lt. Gov. Bradford and Representative Hesselton.

A. C. Line

By Vi Short

Betty Bogus is the proud possessor of an imported wrist watch from Switzerland. Nice going, Betty.

Jennie Chalfoux was presented some beautiful gifts in honor of her eighteenth (?) birthday. Congratulations, Jennie.

Sorry to hear Marion Ackerman is leaving for Florida to join her parents. It was mighty nice having you working with us, Marion.

John Fortini was in a sorry fix when he reported for work an hour early recently—4:15 sure is an early hour to rise in the morning.

Welcome, Alfred Law, hope you like your new job as foreman of this department. We wish you luck.

Good luck to our former foreman, John Pierce. We will miss you, John. Happy to see you have fully recuperated, Ann Burgess.

Roy Trotter enjoyed a two weeks' vacation in Ontario. Can't stay away from Canada, eh, Roy?

Welcome new comers to the A.C. Line: "Pasquale" Mahoney, "Peaches" LeSage, "Snookums" Quadland, "Muscles" Mills, "Baby" Dudziak, "Petunia" Trotter and Mary Lou Melillo.

We understand Lou Siciliano was given a plot of land! Do you have it yet, Lou?

Ovens

By "Dukie" Abraham

From what we hear, Margaret Pedercini had lots of fun riding the New York escalators.

We take this opportunity to wish Mary Timothy a happy birthday.

Hope Irene Shephard loses that cold somewhere so she can start her singing lessons.

We wish to welcome to our Department Blanche Chavarry, John Gerard and our clerk, Ivis Lewis. We hope you enjoy working with us.

Night Shift--By Bessie Brown

MOTTO OF THE NIGHT SHIFT:

"Sixty Seconds is a Minute—See How Much You Can Do In It."

When a truck "with rubber tires" comes down the aisle—and you hear: "Look out for your nylons!" it's sure to be "Gil" Harris.

Best of wishes to our "Terry" Richard and Aaron Worthington of Boxing who have announced their engagement.

Everyone is glad to see Mr. John Miller back after his vacation, but want to know when he plans to take that long trip which will leave his friend Charlie high and dry?

Welcome to Marion Caron and Jane Dobbert who join our night shift.

Alyce Crockwell of Sherman Heights is spending her vacation along the "Great White Way" in New York.

Delia Degrenier will probably answer if you call "Shorty".

The gang is getting along swell with their new supervisor, Donald Kelly.

Block Test

By "Mickey" Koczela

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mastalisz spent their second honeymoon in New York City.

Time certainly goes by quickly, doesn't it, Bernie Gagnon? A whole month of married life already!

Our next bride will be Mrs. Kenney, who caught Josephine Mastalisz' bridal bouquet. Who's the lucky man, Elizabeth Kenney?

Our songbird, Adele Solor received quite an ovation at the minstrel try-outs...We know you can do it, Adele! Mina Estes, a former co-worker, has adopted a baby boy. Now her family is growing by leaps and bounds—even her pet dog contributed to the growing family.

Rena Soulia spent an enjoyable vacation in New Hampshire, attending the races.

Welcome back, Annis O'Neil and Charlotte O'Brien. It's good seeing you again.

Congratulations for:

Pauline and Henry LaBonte on the birth of their daughter. (Better luck, next time, Henry).

Agnes Perry and husband, who celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on September 13th.

Happy birthday wishes to Ruth Gaudette whose birthday was Sept. 18, and to Dolores Bailey whose birthday is Sept. 30th.

Payroll

By Priscilla Northup

A most hearty welcome to Evelyn Harrington, Geraldine Trabold and Connie Oliver.

A hearty welcome, too, to Mrs. Agnes McDonough, our new supervisor.

Dan Cupid seems to have become a regular payroll worker...He's doing very well, too. Having married off your reporter, his arrows have hit Irene Raczka, Stanley Owczarski, Geraldine Trabold and Josephine Girenti. (We loaned him to the Cost Department), all of whom are to be married within the next two months.

Betty Hamilton, a pert, young miss, who spent the summer with us, has left the Department to return to Our Lady of the Elms College where she is a sophomore.

B.T.A. and Section Test

By R. Haskins and M. Isherwood

Best of luck and good wishes to Norma Urbano Baker and Alice Bowman Wright, who were recently married.

We have been told Wyeth Allard, who left our midst, has entered a school of nursing and enjoys it very much. Best of luck, "Wy", in your new venture.

What has happened to Section Test? It has suddenly become very quiet—could it be because we are now on bonus?

Tubular Assembly

By Gertrude Hall

Happy birthday to Vera Davine. Vera received a gift from her breakfast crowd.

Welcome to Marcell Roswell. Hope you enjoy working with us.

Clara Marceau had a very enjoyable vacation visiting and shopping in Boston.

Dot Blanchard is now a landlady. Best of luck to you and your husband in your investment.

Edna Lavariere and Stephanie Szurek attended the wedding of Margaret Macksey and had a grand time.

Congratulations, Henry and Pauline LaBonte, on the birth of a baby girl.

The boys have a new name for Cassie Gliwski,—Simon Legree. They presented him with a most appropriate gift.

Poor Stacia just missed winning a nice new radio. *There just isn't any justice.*

Our boss has returned from his vacation spent in Norfolk, Va. He looks rested and is most congenial.

Can Shop and Plating

By Lucille Little

Larry Daignault has a quaint sense of humor—the jokes he circulates are of the Joe-Miller-Joke-Book vintage (1810 B.C.)

Howard Isherwood is having a special guest (female) at his home for a spaghetti dinner...He must be excited about the whole affair.

Clifford Domenichini is working harder than usual...*is there a honeymoon due shortly?*

Wish Ben Martin would tell more about his trip to Canada.

Joe Spagnolo never forgets *who* borrows *what* from him.

Dick Germaine has been having car trouble lately—guess he's anxious for a new car.

Lena Zappula journeyed to Albany recently and purchased a bedroom suite. It was nice of Walt Rogowski to help pick it out...Confidentially—they also have a new white stove!

F. P. Ovens

By L. Mijisewski

Best wishes to Jean Cuddeback, who was married September 7th to Bernard Pinsonnault. Jean was presented an electric iron and set of silver ware from her co-workers. We all hope she will enjoy using her gifts.

Esther Volpi should invite Sally Williams to spend a few nights with her. Sally's scream should frighten away the prowler down in the Zylonite section.

Sorry to learn of your cold, Evelyn Sherman, and glad you are better.

We shall miss Eleanor Dobbert, she was a very nice co-worker.

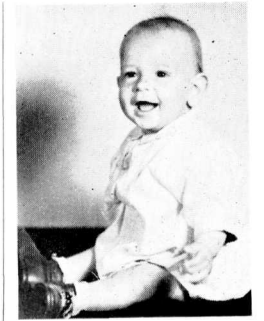
OUR JUNIOR STORK CLUB MEMBERS - - - -



Ready for a stroll -- Pamella King, daughter of Dorsey of the Dry Rolling Dept.



Donald Bush, son of Francis of the Experimental Lab., ready to take on all challengers.



A real funny world, thinks Vincent DeMursico, son of Florence of P.A.A. Soldering Dept.

FOR FALL COSTUMES



Call at Beaver Dispensary for directions.

Block Annex

By Esther Driscoll

Alphonse Lafountain and his pal Ernie Barcomb recently visited in Holyoke. They are still talking about the wonderful time they had. The girls are pretty nice down there, so they say.

We welcome Grace Lambert, Adrienne Calipeau, Margaret Scarbo, Edna Mahar and Bobby Levesque to our Department. Bobby has just been honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy.

I think "Julie" Pedrin was as excited on the first day of school, as was his young son, Denny, who started school this year. Baby has grown up now. Cigars must really be getting hard to buy—Charlie Desrosier has taken up smoking a pipe.

Sample Lab Gab

By the Shadow

Mac Filiault has returned to his duties after enjoying his vacation. He attended the baseball games in Boston, Mass.

"Dot" McKeon is back, full of energy after vacationing at Hampton Beach; "Dot" Gageant had a swell time while on vacation at Lake George.

Any noon, you will find "Jo", "Gerrie" and Theresa busily engaged with their knitting.

To Co-Worker of Machine Shop

We're sorry to hear that Arthur Rowland (from Machine Shop) is ill. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery and the best of health.

We miss your little jokes, "Russ" Cook, since leaving to become supervisor of the Sample Department at Marshall Street... Loads of luck!

Will wonders never cease! "Buzz" Brusatori got real rough on Friday the 13th and played the room pool... He didn't win. (Wonder if he'll continue to play, or wait for another Friday the 13th?)

Brown Street Briefs

Industrial Oils

By L. White and M. Conroy

The atomic age is here and in our Department we have a sample. She is known as "Atomic Annie."

Bill Spencer got another reprieve. Is it next month you leave us, Bill?

Although Evelyn Morton has only been gone a week, she is missed by all.

We would like to extend a welcome to Jack Shields. We hope you get to like it here as much as we do, Jack.

Who is the "beast of burden" in the Networks? It couldn't be Bernie Stackpole! Ugh! Ugh!

"Ag" Houghton, why should a howling dog frighten you after all the wolves you have met in Sprague's?

Caroline Zaloga goes round and round in here but Lewis gets the first round to the tune of \$7.50.

Our smiling Nancy is now known as the "Torch Girl."

Wire Coating

By Betty Jangrow

September Wedding Anniversaries:
"Pete" Lepage — September 9—7 yrs.
Betty Jangrow—Sept. 14 — 17 yrs.
Helen Burdick—Sept. 30—24 yrs.

Fred Miller was given a lovely wheelbarrow with rubber tires... we just hope he can keep ahead of his work, now.

Paul Sanford and Ralph Blood have been sporting beautiful tans... No, not from vacationing at the shore—but from haying (hey hey!). It's all done for 1946.

Al Peck's hobby was raising skunks... the idea didn't work!

Friday the 13th

Helen Tatro was given some pears on Friday the 13th... Everytime she put them down, they disappeared. She finally managed to retrieve them, get them to her home and her family did enjoy them.

Birthday congratulations to Helen Foote whose birthday occurred September 21st.

Industrial Oil Impreg.

By Thelma Sherman

We welcome three new men in our department: Lawrence Urban, Peter Solari and Frank McBride. Glad to have you with us and hope you like it here.

How about it Norman Bourdon. Are you playing checkers, or are you here to stay this time?

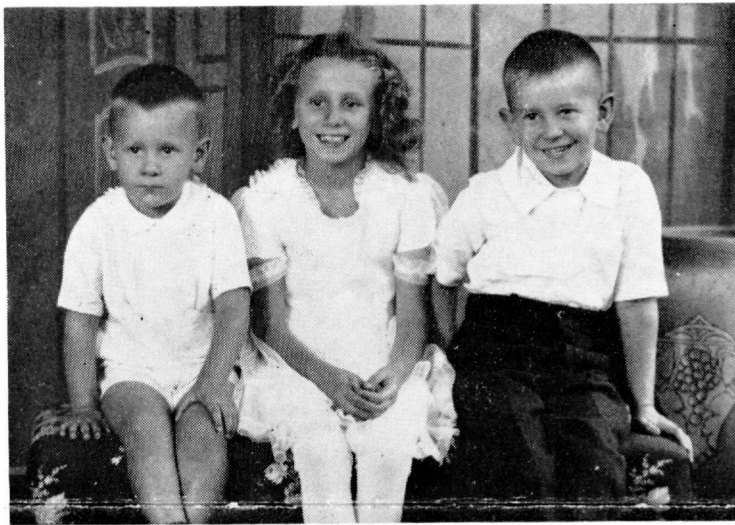
"Red" Grew spent his vacation at the races. By the way, "Red", you were not looking at ponies in that furniture store.

Some people are born holding a rabbits foot. Congratulations, Pearl Damon.

For a tip on horse racing see Harry Lovett, at least he still has his shirt. Harry spent his vacation on a trip through Canada. What happened to the horse named "Harry"?

Bob Bishop is back from his vacation spent in New York State. By the way, Bob is looking for a 16-gauge shot gun. Is it a four-legged or two legged "dear" you're after?

A Smiling Trio



Albert, Elizabeth and Francis DeMarsico, children of Florence of P.A.A. Department.

P.A.A. Inspect and Test

By Elsie Leja

Leave it to Bessie Paradis to create new fashions. Her latest one is "wearing her husband's socks to work."

Happy returns to Charles Veazie and George Daub, who recently celebrated their birthdays.

Wish someone would tutor Annie Mangano in her singing.

Clara Beauchamp recently attended the wedding of her son in Rhode Island. How does it feel to be a mother-in-law, Clara?

Resistors

By Lucy Abuisi

At the time of this writing "Chick" Currant is on the sick list. We all need and miss "Chick"... hope he will be back soon.

Friday, September 13th we all gathered around Jack Shield's desk to wish him luck in his new position. Jack was a fine boss and will be missed. Many a day he was called upon to show his capableness and he knew how to keep his girls in good humor. Well, all there is to say, "The Resistor's loss is the Industrial Oils' gain."

Bill Pierce has the most adorable "Pin-up Girl's" picture on his desk. She is only four months old and as cute as she can be. Her name is Patricia Lee Pierce.

Harry Haddad is planning to give a "Syrian Concert" sometime soon. Those taking part in the concert will be: Maud Jones, piano; Ethyle Lamon, drum; Janice King, fiddle; Margaret Todd, flute and Alice Haddad will assist Harry by taking him home. For further details see Helen Jobin or Bertha Salavantis.

Maintenance and Machine Shop

By Little "Lulu"

John Rossi spent his vacation tearing down a cement wall. He is now known as "Muscles" Rossi.

The boys are starting a collection for "Wash" Santelli to buy him a "red outfit" to match the new Sprague truck he is driving. Pretty classy, "Wash".

Talk about nerve, the Maintenance Gang certainly has what it takes. They were seen in a local restaurant recently emptying the sugar bowls. But wait folks, that is only half of it, here's the pay off, they asked the waitress for a paper bag to put it in.

A little timely advice to one of our machinists, when you come to a stop sign at an intersection be sure and come to a full stop.

Goes to Big City

Art Bissaillon had his boots polished, his tweed vest cleaned, his watch chain lengthened and bought his famous five cent cigar (pardon his cigars are now ten cents). Why? Because he attended the Cumington Fair. Art's only regret was that he'd had his hair cut, he says that sort of spoiled things.

"Casey" Brady just had to take an afternoon off during our recent spell of hot weather. Can't say I blame him as it was a swell afternoon to lay in the shade by a stream, with his fish pole by his side. No fishing that day, eh, Casey? It really would have been an exertion to pull a fish in.

Believe it or not, John Rossi, it takes two hands to drive a car. By the way what happened to the fenders on your car?

SPORTS . . . Bullett, Russell

"Dudy" Sanecki's Team Wins Western Massachusetts Softball Crown

The McKinley Square Pharmacy team of Adams, coached by "Dudy" Sanecki of the Marshall Street Stockroom, and first half pennant winners in the Northern Berkshire Softball League crowned themselves with glory in the recent Western Massachusetts softball tournament. The Mother-town boys not only won the tourney but came through the competition, which was of the double elimination nature, in the style typical of all great Adams teams.

Their final win which clinched the title was against the fast stepping West Side Emeralds. Specs O'Brien speed ball pitcher of the Emeralds and long ranked as the best twirler in Western Mass. hooked up in a tight hurling duel with our nomination as the best chucker in Western Mass., Stan Sanecki. Both were nicked for five hits but "Dudy" Sanecki showed his brotherly love for Stan when he whacked a hard single into centerfield to score the winning run from second

"Dudy" Sanecki of Stockroom



base. Walt Liska hard hitting 3rd sacker of the McKinley team was voted the most valuable player of the tournament. His long hits featured several of the tourney games.

So the boys from Adams have once again proven their supremacy when the chips were down, and have very impressively defended the brand of softball as played in the No. Berkshire league. To Coach "Dudy" Sanecki and the McKinley team the Sprague Log extends its heartiest congratulations on their success. *by B. Bullett*

Sprague Softball Team Runners-Up In 2nd Half

Losing a five-inning cut short by darkness 6-2 to the Corner Cafe boys, our softball team wound up the second half of the 1946 softball league season in second place, having tied for this honorable mention honor in the first half. In their half of the fourth our team squeezed in one run and then filled the bases, but were unable to cash in on this scoring set-up.

Watch For All-Star Selections

In our next issue, we will present the All Star team of the Northern Berkshire Softball League. This team will be picked by the coaches of the League and is an annual feature of the Log Sports page. Also being voted on, is the Most Valuable Player... Be sure to read the next issue.

HERE AND THERE IN THE SPORTS WORLD

Baseball -- With the exception of a few play-off games, the season, excluding the Major Leagues has come to a close, with the Boston Red Sox winning their first pennant in 28 years.

Football -- In the Northern Berkshires, autumn sports find the pigskin quickly replacing the horsehide. Drury High fell before the burly Leominster eleven. But for the superior weight and a second squad, the boys from Leominster would have had a bad afternoon. As was the case a year ago, Drury faded badly in the second half. Adams was also the victim of the Turners Falls' aggregation. At least, Adams was able to score and for their new coach, Bohener, this was a bit of satisfaction. Scores: 33 - 13. They also outscrapped the Springfield boys of Cathedral for quite a time before being overpowered. Score 24 - 0. Pittsfield High ushered in its season under their new coach, Art Fox, by tangling with Greenfield. It was ding-

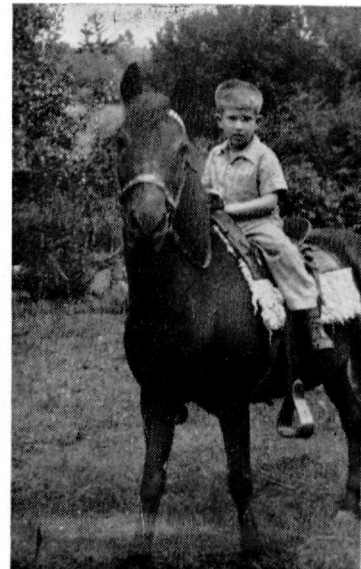
dong game and the G-men from the Tap-town squeezed out the win in the last quarter 13-7.

Semi-Pro -- The St. Anthony Crusaders have now won two games in a row, but their opposition has not yet been severe enough to put the team to a test. The St. Stanislaus opened its season with an impressive 12-0 win over the Meriden Club of Conn.

Bowling -- Plans are in full swing for the Sprague Bowling League. So far, the cry has been for men players, but yearly, the girls of the various plants have organized and had a dandy league of their own. This column will attempt to bring you the highlights of each week of bowling. If you are debating whether to bowl or not — join in the fun — for the association with fellow bowlers — not to mention this healthful way of exercising. An ample reward for a satisfying evening of sport. *—Ken Russell*



A very young rider is Sandra Ellen Cook (almost 2 years old), daughter of Roy, of F. P. Drys.



At home in the saddle is Robert Bruce Cook, 5 year old son of Roy, of F. P. Dry Dept.